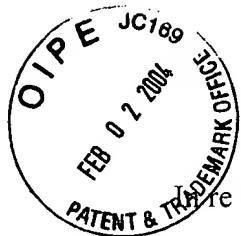


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HUMAN 2-OXOGLUTARATE)
CARRIER)

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed Oct. 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following amendments and remarks.